

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Serial No. 09/549,167
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the present title with the following rewritten title:

--DIGITAL CAMERA HAVING INPUT DEVICES--

Page 1, paragraph 3, please amend as follows:

There is known a digital camera which converts light into an electric signal by an optical sensor, such as a CCD or the like and further converts the electric signal into digital data so as to be stored in a storage medium, such as a flush-flash memory or the like. The digital camera permits saving of image data and a variety of processes to easily and personally be performed by using a personal computer or the like. Moreover, a photograph can be printed by outputting image data to a printer without a necessity for performing development of a film. Since the print quality of the printer has been improved, a photograph having excellent quality which cannot substantially be distinguished from a film photograph can be printed.

[Page 2, first paragraph, please amend as follows:]

It is preferable that the digital camera has a multiplicity of functions to permit a user to set a multiplicity of required items. To enable the user to quickly change the setting, a multiplicity of input device, such as buttons etc., must be provided. In the foregoing case, assignment of the functions to the buttons cannot easily be understood forby the user. Since the size of each button is undesirably reduced, there arises a problem in that the button cannot easily be depressed.

Page 3, third full paragraph, please amend as follows:

According to the first, tenth or seventeenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a digital camera which comprises a plurality of input devices respectively disposed adjacent to a plurality of set information items displayed on a display portion. Therefore, the input devices can be operated while the set information items displayed on the display portion ~~is~~ are being observed. Accordingly, it follows that the location of the input portion which is used when the setting of the digital camera is changed can easily be detected, and therefore, the setting can be changed by performing a simple operation.

Page 10, last paragraph, please amend as follows:

The memory card 16 includes a ~~flush-~~ flash memory or the like which is a reloadable storage medium capable of storing the recorded contents without a necessity of power supply and on which image data is recorded. The memory card 16 is removably inserted into the card slot 20 of the digital camera 10. When the memory card 16 is a memory card which is in conformity with PCMCIA standard or a memory card which can be adapted to a PCMCIA card adapter is employed, the contents of the memory card 16 can directly be read/written by a personal computer having a PCMCIA card slot.

Page 23, last paragraph, please amend as follows:

To enlarge the number of images which can be recorded in the memory card 16, compression is performed by the non-reciprocal compression method conforming to JPEG (Joint

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Photographic Experts Group). Thus, compressed data having a small volume is produced. The JPEG method is a usual method of compressing a color image. When the compression ration is changed, the image quality of the preserved image can be adjusted. The JPEG compression operation can be performed by a software manner by the control portion 11 or a special circuit capable of raising the operation speed. Data compressed by the JPEG ~~Method~~-method is recorded on the memory card 16.
